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July 18, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Group (CI)
2 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 1963

PRESENT: Mr. Johnson vice Governor Harriman, The Attorney General,
Mr. Gilpatric, Mr. Bell, General Taylor, Mr. McCone,
Mr. Forrestal, Mr. Wilson vice Mr. Murrow

Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Nolan were present for Items 1 and 2.

Mr. Martin was present for Items 3 and 4.

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COMPLETED,
6/26/2003

1. Report on Training Committee

Mr. Kitchen, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Training, informed the Group that the Committee is now receiving syllabi of counter-insurgency courses conducted by government agencies for the purpose of reviewing the curricula content. The purpose of this review will be to insure that a common doctrine is taught in each of the various courses under review. General Taylor suggested that this review cover the scope of instruction and include a horizontal review of instruction conducted by the several agencies.

Mr. Kitchen stated that the Training Committee has been carrying out its tasks within the assigned Terms of Reference. In addition, Mr. Kitchen pointed out that the Department of State has conducted visits and established liaison to special military schools engaged in counterinsurgency training, and has presented lectures on Internal Defense doctrine at senior military colleges, USIA, AID and CIA.

General Taylor pointed out the importance of exchanging information on how counterinsurgency doctrine is being taught among all government schools conducting training for higher level officials. It was proposed that the Training Committee should spot check selected courses to determine how this exchange is being accomplished, and to insure that the proper balance and emphasis on internal defense and counterinsurgency is being achieved in the various civilian and military schools.

Mr. Kitchen stated that potential instructors for counterinsurgency courses are now being sent to the regular sessions at the Interdepartmental Seminar. This procedure is accomplishing the cross-fertilization desired and is providing a common basis for instruction in our overall counterinsurgency effort. Experience from the field is being fed back into the various school systems by lectures from officers returning from overseas posts and by country team studies developed by the Interdepartmental Seminar.

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Mr. Kitchen commented that the recently completed case study on Greek insurgency was not a particularly useful product for detailed study by the Interdepartmental Seminar, and in order to get this program moving, he recommends that a research staff be attached to the Foreign Service Institute to devote full time to developing useful case studies. General Taylor added that for these studies to be useful they should isolate specific experiences and identify the functional responsibilities of various departments in insurgency situations. Mr. Kitchen indicated that resources are not currently available to perform this task, and he may request assistance from the various departments.

Mr. Kitchen concluded his comments by stating that the Interdepartmental Seminar is now established on a firm basis; the Training Committee is looking into the possibility of what more can be done to train foreign civilians in counterinsurgency matters; and that based on instructions from the Group, the Training Committee will now interpret its terms of reference more broadly in establishing programs to coordinate the overall counterinsurgency training effort.

2. Use of Third Country Personnel - NSAM 162, Paragraph 6

The Group discussed the report prepared by an Interdepartmental Committee on this subject. The Group approved the recommendation to disseminate Enclosure A of this report to holders of the U.S. Overseas Internal Defense Policy. It was agreed that the Top Secret Annex would be referred to another committee for action.

3. Developments in Brazil

Mr. Martin brought the Group up to date on current developments in Brazil. He pointed out that the major problem is President Goulart's inclination for self-perpetuation. In commenting on recent Cabinet changes, he believes that Goulart has succeeded in both alienating the leftist and rightest elements, but the present cabinet is considered well balanced between these two extremes. Present indications are that Finance Minister Pinto will be fairly effective in dealing with Brazil's economic problems. The Brazilian Congress is making it difficult for Goulart. The bulk of the Governors are standing up well against leftist pressure. The extreme left is still split, and the economic situation is difficult but not impossible.

In response to General Taylor's question, Mr. Martin stated that it is too early to tell how military elements friendly to the U.S. will be affected by command changes planned for the latter part of this month.

4. Developments in Ecuador

Mr. Martin reviewed for the Group the actions taken by the Junta since the coup on July 11, 1963. These actions include measures to control Communist elements and institute economic reforms, and the

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restoration of civil liberties. Elections are expected to be held in June 1964.

In response to Mr. Gilpatrick's question, Mr. Martin stated that deliveries of MAP and AID equipment are being held up pending recognition.

Mr. Bell pointed out that the police communications system provided by AID was the only one operational on the day of the coup and functioned well during this emergency.

Miscellaneous

A. The Group agreed to cancel the meeting scheduled for July 25.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

July 12, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL GROUP (CI)

SUBJECT: Agenda for the Meeting of the Special Group (CI)
2 p.m., Thursday, July 18, 1963

1. Report by Training Committee (State/JCS) (30 Minutes)
2. Study on increased use of Third Country Personnel - NSAM 162.
Paragraph 6 (DOD) (10 Minutes)
3. Recent Developments in Brazil (State/CIA) (Follow-up From May 2
Meeting) (10 Minutes)
4. Recent Developments in Ecuador (State/CIA) (10 Minutes)
5. Proposed Agenda for the Meeting of July 25, 1963
6. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 11, 1963

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